

CLAIMS

1. A seasonally decorative cover for a mailbox having an arcuate top and opposite, parallel, horizontally elongate, sides depending from the top, comprising a three dimensional one-piece cover body having an outside decorated with at least one of a seasonal symbol and message and an underside formed with an arcuate recess for snugly receiving the top and opposite sides of the mailbox, so that the cover body can be mounted on the mailbox, saddle fashion and, releasable means for mounting the cover body to the mailbox so that said at least one seasonal symbol and message is displayed prominently.

2. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 1, for a mailbox supported on a transverse beam extending from a post adjacent an upper end, wherein the releasable mounting means comprises at least one tie for extending under the beam and means for securing said at least one tie at opposite ends to portions of the cover body on opposite sides of the recess.

3. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 2, wherein said at least one tie comprises an elastic strap terminated at opposite ends by respective rigid tabs and slot form sockets are formed in an underside of the cover body on respective opposite sides of the recess

for releasably receiving respective tabs.

4. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 1 made of foamed polyurethane.

5. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 3 made of foamed polyurethane.

6. A method of making a seasonally decorative cover for a mailbox having an arcuate top and opposite, parallel, horizontally elongate, sides depending from the top, comprising the steps of:

applying a clay block to the cover to extend transversely over the arcuate top and at least part way down respective opposite sides so that an underside of the clay block is molded into inverted U-section forming an arch adopting a form of the curved mailbox

top and sides;

sculpting an outside of the clay block with decorative symbols;

removing the clay block former from the mailbox and coating the clay block with silicon and permitting the silicon coating to set to provide a silicon mold;

dividing the silicon mold into front and rear halves and lining the mold halves internally with foamed polyurethane;

baking the lined mold halves to harden the silicon lining;

separating the silicon from the hardened foamed polyurethane to provide two body half shells;

assembling the respective body halves together with adhesive to form a cover body; and,

finishing and painting the body.

7. A seasonally decorative cover for a mailbox having an arcuate top and opposite, parallel, horizontally elongate, sides depending from the top comprising:

a skin of airtight material inflatable to form a one-piece, arch shaped body having pair of inflated leg portions depending in spaced apart, parallel, side by side relation from an inflated transverse top portion with an underside of arcuate shape conforming to the top of the mailbox, at least a front portion of the arch being marked with decorative indicia celebrating one of a season, holiday and event, releasable means attached to the skin for mounting the inflated body on a mailbox so that the decorative indicia are displayed prominently.

8. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 7, wherein the releasable mounting means comprises a pair of anchoring eyes formed by skin material at feet of the leg portions and a tie, for threading through the eyes and extending under the mailbox.

9. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 8, wherein the leg portions have flat inner surfaces for abutment over their surface with the straight sides of the mailbox.

10. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 7, wherein a balloon anchoring eye is formed by skin material at the top of the body by which a balloon may

be tethered to the mailbox cover.

11. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 7, the skin comprise a front panel and a rear panel of identical arch shape secured together in spaced apart parallel planes by a single elongated side panel strip which extends completely around a periphery of the body and is heat sealed along respective opposite longitudinal edge portions to entire peripheral edges of both front and rear panels and has opposite transverse edges heat sealed together.

12. A seasonally decorative cover according to claim 11 wherein overlapping edge portions of adjacent panels at the feet of the leg portions are heat sealed together to form tabs of double thickness in which anchoring respective eyes are formed for receiving a tie for extending under the mailbox for securely mounting the cover thereon.

13. In combination, a mailbox having an arcuate top and opposite, parallel, horizontally elongate, sides depending from the top and a mailbox cover comprising:

a skin of airtight material inflatable to form a one-piece, arch shaped body having pair of inflated leg portions depending in spaced apart, parallel, side by side relation from an inflated transverse top portion with an underside of arcuate shape conforming to the top of the mailbox, at least a front portion of the arch being marked with decorative indicia celebrating one of a season, holiday and event, releasable means attached to the skin for mounting the inflated body on a mailbox so that the decorative indicia are displayed prominently.

14. The combination according to claim 13, wherein the releasable mounting means comprises a pair of anchoring eyes formed by skin material at feet of the leg portions and a tie, for threading through the eyes and extending under the mailbox.

15. The combination of claim 13, wherein the leg portions have flat inner surfaces for abutment over their surface with the straight sides of the mailbox.

16. The combination of claim 13, wherein a balloon anchoring eye is formed by skin material at the top of the body by which a balloon may be tethered to the mailbox cover.

17. The combination of claim 13, wherein the skin comprise a front panel and a

rear panel of identical arch shape secured together in spaced apart parallel planes by a single elongated side panel strip which extends completely around a periphery of the body and is heat sealed along respective opposite longitudinal edge portions to entire peripheral edges of both front and rear panels and has opposite transverse edges heat sealed together.

18. The combination of claim 13, wherein overlapping edge portions of adjacent panels at the feet of the leg portions are heat sealed together to form tabs of double thickness in which anchoring respective eyes are formed for receiving a tie for extending under the mailbox for securely mounting the cover thereon.